ORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-sixth Annual Session

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Beulah,

Limestone County, Ala.,

September 15, 16 and 17, 1893.

OFFICERS:

Moderator, J. P. HAMPTON, Meridianville, Ala
Clerk, PERRY HENDERSON, Athens, Ala.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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These Helps, with their

Literary and Scholarly Ability

And Denominational Soundness,

Should find a Place in every School.

MINUTES.

The delegates composing the Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Liberty (North) Baptist Association, convened with Beulah Church, Limestone County, Ala., on Friday, September 15th, 1893. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Hilliard, from the 26th chapter, 58th verse of Matthew: "But, Peter followed him afar off unto the High-Priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end?" At the close of the sermon, an intermission of one hour was had for refreshments.

1:30 p. m., the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Dr. J. P. Hampton. Prayer by Elder J. F. Savell.

The Moderator appointed as reading clerks, Brother M. B. Neece and Elder J. A. Eaves.

The following Churches were reported by letters and delegates :

Beulah—W. H. Eddins, C. C. Carroll, E. D. Carroll.

Charity—H. F. Hornbuckle, J. H. Goforth.

First Church at Huntsville—Dr. J. P. Hampton, J. W. Wall, M. B. Neece.

Locust Grove—T. H. Bayless, W. R. Brannon, J. H. Newman.

Mt. Zion—Elder J. W. Hilliard, D K. Wall, W. E. Pettus, J. L. Brumley, R. M. Balch, S. W. Pettus.

Madison—Elder A. J. Hardin, C. D. Freeman.

New Market—W. T. Jones, C. H. Rice.

New Zion—L. N. Tribble, S. W. Balch, Elder N. D. Crutcher.

Oakley—Elder D. F. Jacks, J. D. Stone.

Piney Grove—G. W. Johnson, Emmett Hargrove, Pressley Whitt.

Round Island—Perry Henderson, C. T. McCormack.

Temperance Oak—R. C. Tribble, T. J. Rose, Levy Jarrett, O. B. Rose.

Union Grove—G. W. Taylor, J. W. Smith, J. W. Riddle, J. T. Bradford.

After enrolling delegates, by motion of R. E. Pettus, the rules were suspended, and Dr. J. P. Hampton was elected Moderator by acclamation. The same action was had as to clerk, and Perry Henderson was elected as Clerk and Treasurer.

Upon call for Petitionary letters. Brother R. E. Pettus presented a letter from the Dallas Avenue Church of Huntsville, which sent as messengers, Elder J. F. Savell and R. E. Pettus, which was admitted, and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator.

Upon call for correspondence from other bodies, Rev. Joseph Shackelford, D. D., from Muscle Shoals Association, and Rev. A. W. McGaha, D. D., President of Howard College, reported, both of which, were invited to seats with us and to take part in our deliberations.

The following committees were appointed :

On Devotional Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of Beulah Church.

On Synopsis of Church Letters—W. E Pettus, T. H. Bayless, J. H. Newman.

On Finance—M. B. Neece, D. K. Wall, Elder A. J. Hardin.

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER.

PERRY HENDERSON IN ACCOUNT WITH LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, 1892-3.

Sept.	17-'91		To cash and vouchers Finance Committee as follows:		
"	"	"	For State Missions,	$150.30	
"	"	"	For Home Missions,	31.65	
"	"	"	For Foreign Missions,	28.45	
"	"	"	For Ministerial Education,	104.61	
"	"	"	For Printing Minutes,	18.30	
"	18	"	To Amt. Public Collection for Missions,	8.25	
"	"	"	To Amt. Public Collection for Ministerial Education,	8.50	
"	"	"	To Amt. Pub. Col. Centennial Fund,	15.87	
"	17	"	Amt. Public Col. for Printing,	2.10	
"	"	"	Amt. Public Col. for Bro. J. M. Stepenson,	10.00	
"	18	"	Amt. Pub. Col. for Printing Minutes,	2.30	
"	24	"	To Cash from ———— for Ministerial Education,	1.00	
Dec.		"	To Amt. for Printing from Round Island Church,	1.00	
"		"	To Amt. for Printing from Poplar Creek Church,	1.55	
"		"	To Amt. for Printing from New Market Church,	.65	
"		"	To Amt. for Printing from Mt. Zion Church,	1.00	
"		"	To Amt. for Printing from Beulah Church,	.75	
					$386.28

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By Cash Ex. Board R. E. Pettus as follows:		
By State Missions,	$158.55	
By Home Missions,	31.65	
By Amt. Foreign Missions,	28.45	
By Amt. Ministerial Education,	114.11	
By Amt. J. M. Waller Centennial Fund,	15.87	
By Amt. Printing Minutes,	30.00	
By Amt. Stationery, Church Letters and Postage,	1.50	
		$380.13
By Amt. Paid Bro. J. M. Stephenson,		10.00
		$390.13
		386.28
Balance due Clerk,		$3.85

Which report was referred to Finance Committee for Auditing, and balance due Clerk was raised by public collection, and was contributed by him for Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Not since God put it into the heart of William Carey, over one hundred years ago, to carry the Gospel to the millions of benighted heathens, or, I might say, since the Apostolic Age, has there been a time that called louder for self-sacrifice on the part of Christian people than the present, that they may in God's name be instrumental in the salvation of a world that yet lieth out in wickedness. We yet need pioneers, men who are willing to go beyond the foundations laid by others, and to build anew. It is comparatively easy to do what is done by the ordinary christian where his environments are pleasant and surroundings congenial.

The Eastern proverb says: "Time and patience change the mulberry into silk," and thus it is with our Foreign Mission work; persistent labor and faith in God by holy men will eventually break down the barriers of sin, superstition and idolatry. Let it be said of our denomination, whom the master has so wonderfully blessed in the inauguration of this noble work, and in fact down to the present time, that we stand united, firm and loyal

"To carry forth the Lord's command
In this and every other land."

Brother J. A. Brunson who has retired from the field as one of our Missionaries to Japan, says: "Our need is men to prosecute the work. We are in close touch with nine millions of people, all of whom must have the gospel or perish. Twenty years hence, one-half of these will be in eternity. Will our young men and women sit still and see these millions go out into eternal night, while they might be saved by an outstretched hand? God grant men for Japan." What is said here of Japan, can be said of all our Foreign Mission points. The call from them all is for ministry and money.

If we were obedient to the teachings of the Scriptures in regard to making our contributions, we would not lack for money. Their requirement is that we should put into the Church Treasury, every week, one tenth of all our earnings. Few do this, more give nothing. Is it because we are afraid to trust God, is it because of our inherent desire to accumulate, or is it because of our ignorance of what the Bible teaches? "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts." But you might say the church would have no use for such an enormous amount of money, as the gross income of the Evangelical Church members in the United States is not less than $6,000,000,000 a year, and one tenth of this would be $600,000,000, but when you consider the vastness of the destitution you will see that this amount would not be as much as could be wisely used in supporting the preaching of the Gospel at home and abroad. At an average salary of twelve hundred dollars a year, and that is above the average, this amount would support 500,000 preachers of the Gospel of Christ. This is more than five times as many

as the Evangelical denominations of the land now have, the present number being 94,000, including all not in the active ministry. Allotting 200,000 to this country for Pastors and Missionaries, we would be able to send abroad 300,000 more. That would give one Missionary to every 4,000 souls in Pagan, Papal and Mohammedan lands, where as now, all Evangelical denominations taken together, we have but one Missionary for every 167,000. How easy the evangelization of the world would be if all professing Christians had religion and appreciated their duty toward God and man. May God open the eyes of this generation! "When Napoleon drew up his troops before the Mamelukes, under the shadow of the Pyramids, pointing to the latter, he said to his soldiers: 'Remember that from yonder heights, forty centuries look down on you! Men of this generation, from the pyramid top of opportunity on which God has set us, *we look down on forty centuries!* We stretch our hand into the future with power to mold the destinies of unborn millions.'"

"We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling,—
To be living is sublime."

The portals of all nations are now thrown open to receive the Christian Missionaries, and now the triumph of the Kingdom awaits only the exercise of the power committed to the Church. Oh! that men would accept the testimony of Christ, touching the blessedness of giving! He who sacrifices most, loves most; and he who loves most, is most blessed. Brethren, while these heathen nations are calling to us to send them the gospel of salvation, will we not heed? Perhaps this is a God-given opportunity, and if we disregard it, he may pour out his wrath upon us as he always has on a wicked and perverse generation. Oh for that abiding faith that so beautifully characterized Caleb when he said: "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

Fraternally submitted,

R E. Pettus.

STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

Dear Brethren:—This field is too well known to this intelligent body to admit of much information. The extent of its bounds are from Maryland to California, and from Missouri to Florida. It embraces work among the Negroes, Indians and Foreigners, as well as our own people. Cuba is included in this field, which is occupied by our Mission-

aries, with its twenty millions and more, while more than seven millions of these are Negroes.

In the providence of God, Baptists have had a good opportunity for more than one hundred years to disseminate the truths of the Gospel. Old things have passed away, and all things are becoming new.

Dear Brethren, to say the least of it, we should consider the blessings of God, consider our rich cotton fields, beds of iron, brass, coal and many other treasures, and while we are so much favored, what, oh! what are we doing for Missions, at home and abroad? If we are not home Missionaries, we will not be Foreign Missionaries. These people are dying, not knowing about our religion, we so much boast of. Can we come up at the last day and claim that we have carried out the injunction of our blessed Savior, when he said: "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Have we helped some one else to go. Let us look to our own State, at home, are there not heathens at our own doors, who need the true word of God? We call on all to answer this question.

Respectfully submitted,

J A. Eaves.

Upon motion to receive the reports, the following brethren spoke at length: Brother R. E. Pettus, Elders Joseph Shackelford and A. W. McGaha, at the close of which, the committee on devotional exercises, announced that Elder J. F. Savell, would preach from the stand to-night at 7:30. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder Joseph Shackelford.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met at the hour appointed. The stand was occupied by Elder J. F. Savell. Text; Ephesians 2: 19, 20 and 1st Peter, 2: 5.

At the close of the sermon, the subject of Missions was resumed by speeches from Elders J. A. Eaves, N. D. Crutcher and A. J. Parker. Report received and adopted,

Elder J. F. Savell was appointed by the Moderator to write a report to be read on to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m., on Education.

By motion of the Clerk, the custom requiring the transcribing of the Minutes to the book kept for that purpose, in the future be abandoned, and in lieu thereof, to keep on file the Minutes, until a sufficient number accumulate and have them bound.

On motion of Elder N. D. Crutcher, we adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder N. D. Crutcher.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

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SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Association met persuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. A. Eaves. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Next order of business was the reading of the report on

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Your Committee on Religious Literature, beg leave to submit the following report : The question is what shall we read, and as Christians, what shall we place into the hands of our children to read; the ones who will soon take our places in religious matters, to hold up the blessed banner of the Son of God. We believe it is our duty to utilize all proper means for the enlargement of Christ's Kingdom.

We are glad we have the Bible, and would recommend that all persons read and study its sacred pages, for in it we find recorded the ways of eternal life. We would most heartily beseech our whole Baptist Brotherhood, to subscribe for, and read more of our denominational literature. There are now so many good religious papers within our reach, edited too by our best talent, which contain from week to week, sermons from our ablest divines; among these we will mention our State Organ, the Alabama Baptist and Western Recorder, Christian Examiner, and for Sunday School Literature, we can use none better than that of The American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. PETTUS.

Upon motion to receive, the subject was thoroughly discussed by Brother R. E. Pettus, reccommending the Southern Baptist Publication Society at Nashville, The Alabama Baptist, Western Recorder, Christian Examiner, Dr. Crumpton's Mission Quarterly, and other good papers. Good speeches were made also by Dr. J. P. Hampton, J. W. Wall, Elders Joseph Shackelford, J. W. Hilliard and Brother M. B. Neece. Brother Neece's speech was directed especially in behalf of Brother Crumpton's Mission Quarterly. At the close of the discussion, report received and adopted.

The hour of 10 having arrived, the report on Education was read as follows :

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education offers the following report :

In this rapid age, the closing shades of the 19th century, when inventions are numerous, men become immensely wealthy, and then poverty stricken the same day; embraces three religions in life and die infidels. There is no greater monster binding and fettering the latent powers of a vigorous nation than ignorance. Education that teaches men and women to think, is what we urge. In secular affairs, it teaches us to put together true and established premises and then draw a logical conclusion. In religion it enables us to hear the chaffy argument of the sceptic and the infidel, the croaks and grumblings of the unauthodox, yea, even heretical christians, and in the midst of all this fearful opposition to truth, to be able to stand firm as the Rock of Ages, with our hope built on nothing less than Jesus' blood, with all his precepts and examples, our precepts and examples, and his righteousness, our righteousness.

We know a vast amount of good has been, and is now being done by those who are uneducated, but this only shows what a mighty power these same people who are uneducated, might have become if they had had educational advantages We need more educated women, who can properly direct the young in their physical, moral, and spiritual development, and who themselves may search God's laws, and find by violating them we as a nation, will degenerate. We want men educated that they may know, for every law of God violated, there is a sure penalty. For this purpose we have at Marion, The Judson Female Institute, that is sending out each year, young women thoroughly equipped for life, who know how to make home happy, who are independent thinkers, worthy to be queens of the earth. Then, there is The Howard for males, situated at East Lake, preparing the young men to be worthy companions of the aforesaid queens. Besides the Howard with its able president, Dr. A. W. McGaha, and the Judson with Dr. S. W. Averett, as its leader, we have in North Alabama, Dr. Shackelford's Institute, and Normal School at Danville, the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa, the Scottsboro College with Brother W. R. Ivey, Business Manager, last but the grandest of its kind in the world is the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., with its professors who are many, the best scholars of the world. May the Lord help more of our ministers to find a way to the Seminary even if only for a few months.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Savell.

On motion to receive, Elders. J. F. Savell, Joseph Shackelford, A. W. McGaha, spoke at length, when by motion of R. E. Pettus, the further discussion of the subject was suspended, and Committee on Finance was allowed to report, to-wit :

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Beulah Church, Sept. 16, 1893.

To the Liberty Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren:—We your Committee appointed on finance, beg leave to make the following report. We have examined vouchers of our Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct. We are sorry to inform you that the contributions sent in for various causes are far below what they ought to be, and when we withhold that which justly belongs to the Lord, can we claim his promises? Let us examine ourselves, and ask the question. Have we done what we can? Have we followed the injunction of the Master? Pay what thou owest. Have we personally endeavored to bring our Churches up to their pledges, and are we not responsible personally to God for this gross neglect? Brethren, let us promise here today that another gathering of this Association, shall not find our Churches negligent of the duty devolving upon us, as Churches. A full report of money and vouchers turned over to us is as follows, viz:

Vouchers 1st Church Huntsville Ministerial Education		$50.00
" from A. J. Parker to T. H. Bayless		8.25
" from W. B. Crumpton to J. A. Fanning		2.00
" from George W. Ellis to Locust Grove Church		2.10
" from George W. Ellis to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fanning		2.00
Total amount of Vouchers		$64.35
Amount for Home Missions		$12.75
" " Foreign Missions		25.10
" " State Missions		46.25
" " Ministerial Education		59.35
" " Minutes		14.25
" " Clerk Fee		4.75
Total		$162.45
Less Vouchers		64.35
Cash turned over to Secretary and Treasurer		$98.10

M. B. Neece,
D. K. Wall,
A. J. Harden,
Committee.

Report received and committee discharged. By motion adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Elder Joseph Shackelford.

2 p. m. Association met persuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Joseph Shackelford.

The subject of Education was resumed, and cash and pledges were taken as follows for Ministerial Education.

Beulah Church	$2.50	Madison Church	$2.50
Charity Church	2.00	New Zion Church	2.50
First Church Huntsville	25.00	Round Island Church	5.00
Mt. Zion Church	5.00	Dallas Avenue Church	10.00

Total from Churches.....$54.50.

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

J. W. Carter	$2.00	M. O. Pettus	$2.00
J. W. Carroll, paid	1.00	J. L. Brumley	1.00
Ery Taylor	1.00	T. J. Wall	1.00
J. W. Freeman	1.00	A. J. Hardin	1.00
T. H. Bayless, paid	1.00	J. M. Gooch	1.00
D. K. Wall	1.00	Mrs. C. H. Pettus, paid	1.00
S. W. Pettus	2.50	Miss Donnie Vaughn	1.00
W. E. Pettus	2.00	Mrs. Allie Pettus	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Gooch	1.00	G. W. Taylor	1.00
Mrs. J. S. Bronaugh	1.00	Perry Henderson	2.50
Mrs. B. F. Laxson, paid	1.00	C. T. McCormack	1.00
Miss Kate Wall	1.00	R. C. Tribble	1.00
C. H. Rice	2.00	J. W. Riddle	1.00
W. T. Jones, paid	1.00	J. W. Atkinson, paid	1.00
L. M. Tribble	1.00		

Total individual pledges and cash.....$36.00.

The report was received and adopted.

Committee appointed to nominate Executive Board, and two Trustees for Danville, and two for Scottsboro Schools; W. E. Pettus, C. H. Rice and H. F. Hornbuckle.

Report made by Elder Joseph Shackleford, President of Danville School.

DANVILLE SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of The Board of Trustees of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School to the Association.

Dear Brethren :—The Board of Trustees of The North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School, submit this, their first annual report to your body :

The Board held their first meeting at Decatur, Ala., in November last, and organized temporarily by electing Hon. A. D. Moody, of Colbert County, President, and Rev. Joseph Shackelford, of Morgan County, Sec-

retary. A Charter for the School was prepared and agreed upon at this meeting and a committee appointed to secure a passage by the Legislature of Alabama. It was also agreed that the School should open in the Fall of 1893. The Board then adjourned to meet in May 1893. The second meeting of the Board took place at Danville, in June 1893.

The May meeting having been postponed. At this meeting the property donated by the citizens of Danville and vicinity was turned over to the Board of Trustees and received, with a deed to the property, which consists of a two acre lot of land, upon which is erected two large two story buildings, containing fourteen rooms, which are well adapted for School purposes. There was one of the conditions which was not fully complied with by the citizens of Danville, which was furnishing the School with 100 desks. The Board, however, in view of what they had done, accepted the property and the subscriptions and notes, which were unpaid, with the hope that something might be realized from them. Their subscriptions and notes amounted to about $150, and when collected will be applied to the purchase of desks. The Committee appointed to secure a charter, reported that the School had been chartered by the Legislature at its last Session, under the title of "The North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School," with full power to grant Diplomas to its graduates. The Board at this meeting, elected R. P. Whitman, President of the Board; W. H. Simpson, Secretary; and Dr. J. M. Kichens, Treasurer.

The Board also elected a Faculty consisting of the following persons: Rev. Joseph Shackelford, President; J. C. Tidwell, Professor of English and Natural Sciences; H. T. Lile, Professor of Mathematics, Latin and French; Miss Madge Henderson, Principal of Preparatory and primary departments; Miss Glenn Orr, Teacher of Art; Miss Anna C. Shackelford, Teacher of Music.

The Board has contracted no debt in the employment of the Teachers. They are to depend on the patronage of the School for their salaries. A local Board was appointed to take special charge of the School.

The School commenced its first session on the 28th of August. The attendance was not as large as we expected and deserved, yet considering the financial condition of the country, it was about as good as we could reasonably expect. We are hopeful that our numbers will be greatly increased, until we shall have an enrollment of 100 the present session.

The Teachers are sanguine of success in this enterprise, and your Board sees no good reason why they should not be. The Baptists of North Alabama have created this Institution, and we are confident that they will do what they can to make it a success. This School can be made a great blessing to the Churches of North Alabama, as well as to the public at large. It is to be a Christian School in every sense of the word. The Bible will not be ignored in this School, its moral precepts will be taught

the pupils. Parents who send their boys and girls here, may rest easy as to the moral influences thrown around their children.

This is a School for young Ministers who wish to better prepare themselves for their work. Their tuition is free. The children of Ministers actively engaged in the Ministry, are received at one-half the usual price for tuition. The Board desires to state to the Association, that there are two things which we need to make this School a success, and enable it to accomplish the object for which it was created.

1st. We need the patronage of Baptists. It is a Baptist School and Baptists ought to patronize it, if we make it worthy of their patronage. We intend to make it equal to any School of its grade in Alabama. Our present Teachers will compare favorably with those of any School in the State. Our course of instruction is equal to that of many of the so-called Colleges. Let the Baptist of Liberty Association, send us their sons and daughters and give us a trial. We ought to have 300 students from the three Associations, which has created this School, and will not Liberty Association give us seventy-five of this number.

2nd. We need money to purchase such equipments for the School, as will make us equal to any School of its grade in the State. We need at least $1,000 now, or within a short time. The Board makes the following suggestions to your body: Of this $1,000, we think the Baptists of the Liberty Association, ought to give $250. We propose to raise this $1,000 on the following plan: Those who subscribe will pay the amount of their subscriptions in installments, one-fourth payable on the 1st of January, 1894, one-fourth on the 1st of July, 1894, one-fourth on the 1st of January, 1895, one-fourth on the 1st of July, 1895. Surely we can raise this amount from the Baptists of three Associations. We trust your body will take this matter into consideration and allow our President to make an effort to raise the amount of $250, in Liberty Association, and we trust that you will appoint an agent in each Church to work for the School.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Simpson,

Danville, Ala., Sept. 13th 1893. Secretary.

Upon motion to receive Brother Shackelford spoke in behalf of said School, and called for subscriptions for the equipment of School building, to be paid as specified in report with the following results:

R. P. Whitman	$10.00	Perry Henderson	$10.00
J. W. Carter	2.00	Elder A. J. Hardin	10.00
Dr. J. P. Hampton	10.00	R. E. Pettus	10.00
N. D. Crutcher	10.00	E. F. Witherspoon	2.00
C. T. McCormack	1.00	S. W. Balch	1.00
J. A. Eaves	1.00		
Total	$67.00.		

Received and adopted.

Report of Committee to nominate Executive Board and Trustees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EX. BOARD, ETC.

We your committee would recommend as Executive Board to serve for the ensuing year the following :

Dr. J. P. Hampton, R. E. Pettus, R. P. Whitman, Rev. J. W. Hilliard and J. A. Fanning.

We would recommend the following as suitable men to serve as Trustees for Scottsboro School, Brother William Estes and Meredith Miller and Brethren R. E. Pettus and James C. Jones, to serve as Trustees three years for the Danville School.

W. E. Pettus, Chairman.
C. H. Rice,
H. F. Hornbuckle,
Committee.

Report received and nominations endorsed and elected.

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We your Committee on Indigent Minsters beg leave to submit this for your consideration. Your Committee does not know of any Minister in destitution. Notwithstanding we would admonish every Baptist Church to have a fund in their treasury to support Ministers that may become superannuated, as this is a matter too much overlooked in our bounds.

Respectfuliy submitted.

G. W. Taylor,
A. J. Parker.

Received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We your Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report for the year ending September 17, 1893 :

Out of the money pledged at the last Association, we promised to pay Athens Church thirty dollars, Unity twenty dollars, Charity twenty dollars, and Oakley twenty dollars, to aid them in securing the services of a pastor. We did this believing more effective work could be done than by employing a Missionary for two or three months. We have paid Brother J. A. Eaves, sixteen dollars and ten cents on amount we owed him for

doing Mission work. The pastors of the churches whom we have promised to assist, will be required to make a report of their work to the Asociation before receiving their pay.

The follcwing resolution has been unanimously adopted by the Board:

Resolved, That the Executive Board will not in the future employ any Missionary within the bounds of this Association without first having a written understanding as to the amount of work to be done and the amount of salary to be paid therefor.

On May 29th, the Chairman appointed Brother R. P. Whitman, of Huntsville, to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board, made by the removal of Brother F. L. Estes from this State.

In compliance with a resolution passed at the last Association, we have appointed for Trustees of the Scottsboro College, Brethren W. E. Brown and W. E. Pettus for one year; Dr. F. Rice and J. A. Fanning for two years and M. B. Neece and N. D. Crutcher for three years.

We feel proud to congraulate ourselves upon the progress we are making in an educational way. We are proud of the reports that come up from our Schools at Danville and Scottsboro. The success of our denomination depends very much upon the training and enlightment of our young people, therefore we trust our Brethren will largely patronize our own Schools where their children will not only receive instruction in common text books used, but also in in the ways of truth, holiness and soberness.

We deplore the fact that from year to year so many of our Churches and individual pledges remain unpaid. We fear this is for lack of system on the part of the collection committees. They begin too late. This matter should be looked after more closely and collections taken regularly each month or week as was the custom in Paul's time, see 1 Corinthians, 16th Chapter.

Since the adjournment of our last Association, we have received from the First Baptist Church at Huntsville for Foreign Missions $5.33, for State Missions $15.83, for Ministerial Education $20.00, for Chapel Building Fund $15 20, for Centennial Mission Fund $134.50 and from Round Island Church for State Missions $1.00; and for Ministerial Education, individual pledges from R. P. Whitman $3.00 and R. E. Pettus $2.00, all of which was promptly paid to the parties authorized to receive it, together with what was paid in at the last Association and for which we hold proper vouchers :

Received at this Association voucher from First Baptist Church at Huntsville for Ministerial Education,.....	$50.00
Voucher from Rev. A. J. Parker to T. H. Bayless,.....	8.25
" " W. B. Crumpton to J. A. Fanning,.....	2.00
" " Geo. W. Ellis to Locust Grove Church,.....	2.10
" " " " " to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fanning,	2.00
Total amount of Vouchers,.....	$64.35

Received for Home Missions,	$12.75	
" " Foreign Missions,	25.10	
" " State Missions,	46.25	
" " Ministerial Missions,	66.35	
		$150.45
Deducting Vouchers as above,		64.35
Total amount cash received,		$86.10

Fraternally submitted,

J. P. Hampton,
R. E. Pettus,
J. W. Hilliard,
J. A. Fanning,
R. P. Whitman.

Received and adopted.

The following were appointed to collect pledges for Missions, Ministerial Education and to solicit subscriptions and collect same for the Danville School :

For Beulah Church—J. W. Carroll.
" Charity Church—H. F. Hornbuckle.
" First Church Huntsville—M. B. Neece.
" Locust Grove Church—T. H. Bayless.
" Mt. Zion Church—J. M. Gooch and Mrs. Cora Brumley.
" Madison Church—A. J. Hardin.
" New Market Church—W. T. Jones.
" New Zion Church—L. M. Tribble.
" Oakley Church—Sister N. E. Walker.
" Piney Grove Church—W. N. Hargrove.
" Poplar Creek Church—Miss Pearl Winfield.
" Round Island Church—Miss Docia Holt.
" Temperance Oak Church—R. L. May.
" Union Grove Church—George W. Taylor.
" Dallas Avenue Church—Hugh Cagle.
" Bethel Church—W. P. Webster.

Round Island was chosen as the place of meeting next year and Elder J. F. Savell to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. A. Eaves as alternate.

Correspondents were appointed to other bodies as following :

Muscle Shoals Association—S. W. Pettus and Perry Henderson.
Tennessee River Association—Dr. J. P. Hampton.
William Cary Association—Dr. J. P. Hampton and R. E. Pettus.
State Convention—R. E. Pettus, Dr. J. P. Hampton and J. F. Savell.
Southern Baptist Convention—R. P. Whitman Alternate, R. E. Pettus.

By R. E. Pettus.

Resolved, That this Association hereby express its gratitude and

tender its heartfelt thanks to the Hon. O. R. Hundley, our World's Fair Commissioner, for his untiring effort to secure the closing of the Fair on the Lord's Day as petitioned by this body at its last meeting.

R. E. PETTUS.

Adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30.

Prayer by Elder N. D. Crutcher.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Stand was occupied by Elder N. D. Crutcher, who preached from 12 Chapter of Romans, 1st Verse. After the Sermon business was resumed. Standing committees announced by Moderator to report at next meeting.

Standing committees announced as follows :

On Foreign Missions—M. B. Neece, J. W. Carroll and W. W. Pearson.

On Home Missions—R. E. Pettus, W. T. Jones and W. L. Hilliard.

On State Missions—R. P. Whitman, Alex Humphrey and S. W. Balch.

On Education—J. W. Hilliard, J. A. Eaves and C. H. Rice.

On Temperance—J. F. Savell, W. R. Brannum and G. W. Taylor.

On Religious Literature—W. E. Pettus, G. W. Johnson and George Wilson.

On Indigent Ministers—T. H. Bayless, Elder D. F. Jacks and T. J. Wall.

On Sabbath Schools—Dr. J. P. Hampton, S. W. Pettus and A. J. Hardin.

SYNOPSIS OF CHURCH LETTERS.

To the Moderator, Officers and Members of The Liberty Baptist Association :

We the Committee on Synopsis of Church Letters, respectfully submit the following report :

We have read all the letters carefully and much to our regret we find that there are very few active Churches in the Association.

There are three Churches within our bounds not represented even by letter, the majority of them apparently dead.

There are two Churches in the Association that do not allow their Sunday Schools to freeze out during the winter, and only five that have Schools at all.

Brethren, are we doing our duty ? Are we obeying our Savior's com-

mand? He says, search the Scriptures, and train up a child in the way it should go. Is this the way to train them; allowing them to grow up in ignorance, and spend the Lord's Day any and everywhere but in Sunday School?

Parents should be very careful about what kind of literature they allow their children to read. We recommend the Alabama Baptist, our State Organ, to every member of this Association.

We profess to be Missionaries for Christ, though we do not practice what we preach. This work is sadly neglected in this Association; only two or three Churches have this work at heart, they giving more than all the rest to Missions.

We can all contribute something. Let us resolve to-day to do more for this cause—unless we do, God will hold us accountable.

The Dallas Avenue Church of Huntsville, was admitted to membership by letter. We gladly welcome her, and may God bless her abundantly.

We find that many of the Churches are asking an interest in our prayers. We beg you to remember them in your prayers.

W. E. Pettus, Chairman.
T. H. Bayless,
J. H. Newman.

Received and adopted.

Bethel Church reported by letter and delegates, G. W. Webster and W. P. Webster.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

To touch so vast a subject, and only touch it, is difficult. Intemperance is a vice, as long as a drinker has his normal will power; after that it takes on the form of a disease. As long as a man can quit drinking and does not, he deserves condemnation; but when he drinks until he cannot help it, he deserves pity. Thousands of men reach this condition. Preaching to them is as "sounding brass and a tinkling symbol." This is a solemn and awful condition to drift into. The Bible says, no drunkard can enter into the kingdom of heaven, then the man that reforms a drunkard, stands a chance to be instrumental in saving an immortal soul. When we consider the number of lives that have been destroyed by intemperance; how many are sent to the poor house by it; how many have been sent to prison by it; how many maniacs have been made by it; how many murderers have been instigated by it; how many suicides it has caused, and how much property has been destroyed by it; is it any wonder that the christian people are crying for deliverance from its thraldom? But Brethren, the better policy would be to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks, better this than to build asylums for the insane, jails for the incarceration of culprits, or penitentiaries for the confinment of the

blood-stained murderers. Furthermore, intemperance stifles progress, fosters pauperism, brutalizes husbands and fathers, breaks women's hearts, puts rags on the working-man's back, disease in his body and despair in his heart.

Brethren what are we as Baptists going to do? Foster intemperance, or fight it?

From the reading of God's word our duty is plain. We must not sell any alcoholic beverages, nor give it to our neighbor, nor sign a petition for others to sell them, nor drink it ourselves, but dissuade all in our power from its use.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. Pettus.

Upon motion to receive, Brother R. E. Pettus, Elder A. J. Hardin, Dr. J. P. Hampton, Brothers S. W. Balch, H. F. Honbuckle and C. H. Rice spoke at length, setting forth the evil consequences and degredation as the result of intemperance.

Report received and adopted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder N. D. Crutcher.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Sunday Morning, September 17.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. A. Eaves. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A call was made for pledges and cash for Missions for the incoming year with the following results :

Beulah Church	$7.50	New Zion Church	$7.50
Charity delegates absent		Oakley Church	2.00
Round Island Church	10.00	Piney Grove Church	5.00
First Church Huntsville	25.00	Temperance Oak Church	5.00
Locust Grove Church	5.00	Union Grove Church, delegates absent	
Mt. Zion Church	40.00		
Madison Church	2.50	Dallas Avenue Church	20.00
New Market Church	10.00	Pleasant Valley Church	5.00

Total from Churches.....$147.00.

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

D. D. Archie	$1.00	C. H. Rice	$2.00
John W. Carter	2.40	Perry Henderson, paid	3.85
W. E. Pettus	2.50		

Total individuals.....$11.75.

AMOUNT TO INCREASE PRINTING FUND.

First Church Huntsville	$5.00	Oakley Church, paid	$ .25
Mt. Zion Church	3.00	Round Island Church	.50
Beulah Church	.50	Dallas Avenue Church, paid	.50
New Zion Church	1.00	J. A. Eaves	2.50
		Cash from Congregation, paid	1.75
Total			$15.00.

By authority of the Association the Executive Board was authorized to select some worthy man in the ministry, and use whatever funds they may collect for the Education of Ministers, in sending that Brother to School.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

To the Liberty Baptist Association, in session with Beulah Church:

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

No field promises greater, immediate or prospective results, and no field in the home department cries louder for attention and cultivation.

It is while the children are young that their minds are susceptable of early and lasting impressions.

It gives us great pleasure to note that some of the Churches in this Association are alive to this very important work.

We regret to see that a very small per cent of the Churches in the Association have Sabbath Schools, and few indeed, keep them up all the year. No Institution is so well fitted for teaching and training young children as the Sunday Schools.

We are glad to report that in Madison County, within our bound, there is an organized County Sunday School Convention, which is bearing much fruit.

We would recommend the forming of these Conventions in every county within our bounds

We suffer the Roman Catholics to take many of our children from us annually, by their charitable deeds, acts of kindness and persistent labor among them. They have institutions of learning in nearly every city in the Union, and are increasing very rapidly in numbers. They say give them a child seven years, then it is theirs for good.

It must be remembered that everything done for Sunday Schools is something done for every kind of Christian enterprise.

It has been well said:

"Scratch the green rind of a sapling,
Or rudely twist it in the soil,
And the scarred and crooked oak
Will tell of this for Centuries to come."

We would recommend the Convention Series, and the American Baptist Publication Society to our Sunday Schools as lesson helps.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. PETTUS,
R. L. MARSHALL,
J. A. EAVES.

Good speeches were made by Dr. J. P. Hampton, Brother R. E Pettus and Elder N. D. Crutcher.

Report received and adopted.

By R. E. PETTUS,

Resolved, That for the open hearted hospitality extended us by our brethren and sisters of Beulah Church, and by our friends of this community, that we hereby express our gratitude in unmeasured terms, and that we will pray our Heavenly Father to bring them, with their sons and daughters at last into his blessed kingdom above. R. E. PETTUS.

Adopted by a rising vote.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the stand was occupied by Elder Joseph Shackelford, who read as a lesson, 4th chapter of Corinthians. Text: 1st chapter, 5th verse, 1st Thesilonians. "For our gospel came not unto you in words only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost."

At the close of the sermon prayer was offered by Elder N. D. Crutcher, after which a collection was taken for Home and Foreign Missions which resulted in cash, $4.48. The usual parting hand was then given and the Moderator declared this Association adjourned to meet with Round Island Church on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1894.

J. P. HAMPTON,
MODERATOR.

PERRY HENDERSON.
CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

	J. A. Eaves,	Postoffice.	Estaville, Ala.
	J. Speer,	"	Trinity, Ala.
	J. W. Hillard,	"	Rep, Ala.
	N. D. Crutcher.	"	Madison, Ala.
	J. I. Stockton,	"	Simpson, Ala.
	J. F. Savell,	"	Huntsville, Ala.
	A J. Parker,	"	Deposit, Ala.
*	L. W. Taylor,	"	Huntsville, Ala.
*	W. I. Jacks,	"	Plevna, Ala.
*	D. D. Archie,	"	Madison X Roads, Ala.
*	A. J. Hardin,	"	Madison Station, Ala.
	F. M. Hucheson,	"	Lentzville, Ala.
*	W. C. Hooper,	"	Blackburn, Ala.
*	J. M. Stepenson,	"	
	Oscar Haywood,	"	Huntsville, Ala.

* Not doing any Pastorial work.

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF LIBERTY (NORTH) ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES:	State Missions.		Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial.		Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Building and Furniture.
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher					
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Athens							.25		1.25		
Bethel	1.00						.40		6.65		500
Buelah	6.25						.60		1.60		
Charity					1.00						
First Church of Huntsville	10.00		5.00	10.00		59.00	2.00	.75	127.75	1,000.00	8,000
Locust Grove	11.90	14 35		2.00	4.85		1.50	.50	35.10	75.00	600
Mt. Zion	12.00			.50			2.00	1.00	15.50		1,200
Madison				1.45			.50	.50	2.45	50.00	900
New Market				3.65			1.00	.50	5.15	100.00	00
New Zion			2.75	2.50	2.50		1.00	.50	9.25		500
Oakley							.50		.50	25.00	-
Poplar Creek, not represented											
Piney Grove			5.00				1.00	.50	6.50	50.00	250
Pleasant Valley, not represented											
Round Island	2.50						.50		3.00	100.00	500
Temperance Oak							1.35		1.35	25.00	300
Union Grove				5.00	1.00		.60		6.60	40,00	1,000
Unity, not represented											
Dallas Avenue	3.60						1.30	.50	5.40	600.00	1,200
Total	$47.25	$14.35	$12.75	$25.10	$ 9.35	$50.00	$14.50	$4.75	$228.05	$2,065.00	$15,750
Adopted.	61.60				v9.35						

Statistics of Liberty (North) Association, 1893.

CHURCHES.	County,	PASTOR.	CLERK.	Clerk's Post-Office	Membership last reported	IN'CR'D BY				DECR'D BY			Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.
						Baptism.	Letter,	Voucher,	Restoration,	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.		Officers & Teachers.	Pupils.	Supt's. Name and P. O. Ad.		
*Athens,	Limestone		S L Stinnett,	Athens,	30								30					
Bethel,	Madison,		W P Webster, p t	Haden,	32								32					
Buelah,	Limestone	J. A. Eaves,	W H Eddins,	Center Hill,	80	4				2	2		80				3rd	
Charity,	Madison,	A. J. Parker,	J H Goforth,	Hazle Green,	22	1					3		23		59		2nd	
Dallas Avenue,	"	J. F. Savell,	R P Whitman,	Huntsville,			52						52	10	150	R. E Pettus, Huntsville.	each	Fri N
Huntsville, 1st C	"	Oscar Haywood,	M B Neece,	Huntsville,	141		2			24			119	16	150	J. A. Erwin, "		Wd N
Locust Grove,	"	J. W. Hilliard,	J J Lawler,	Deposit,	129	7			2	2			136	6	65	J. R. Latham, Deposit.		
Mt. Zion,	"	J W Hilliard,	R M Balch,	Rep,	336	28	3	3	1	13	7	2	347	6	100	Jos. Atkins, Cluttsville,	1st	
Madison,	"	J. A. Eaves,	Miss J Hardin,	Madison,	36					3			33					
New Market,	"	J. W. Hilliard,	William Estes,	New Market,	51	2				9		1	41	5	20		3rd	
New Zion,	"	J. Speer,	J T Clift,	Nebo,	55	2	16			2		1	70	5			3rd	
Oakley,	"	N. D. Crutcher,	J B Stone,	Plevna,	20		2	2		5			19					
*Poplar Creek,	Limestone		L I Nixon,	Poplar Creek,	30								30					
Piney Grove,	"	F. M. Yeager,	G W Johnson,	Cairo,	97	5	1			1		1	101				1st	
*Pleasant Valley,	"		J W Toone,	Estaville,	30								30					
Round Island,	"	J. I. Stockton,	W W Peerson,	Athens,	86	2	1	2	1	3			87					
TemperanceOak	"	F. M. Hutchison,	R F May,	Elk River Mills	32	37	4		3		3		76		18	R. C. Tribble, Tick Ridge,		
Union Grove,	Madison,	C. Howell,	J M Riddle,	New Market,	68					6			62				3rd	
*Unity,	"		G S Newdorffer,	Golightly,	19								47					
Total,					1324	91	81	7	7	70	15	5	1278	48	492			

* Not Represented.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Call to order by former Moderator.

2—Annual or introductory sermon.

3—Call for Church letters and enroll delegates.

4—Permanent organization by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

5—Call for petitionary letters.

6—Correspondents and visitors.

7—Appointment of Committees by Moderator.

(a) On religious services, to report on call.

(b) On Synopsis of Church letters.

(c) On finance.

8—Report of Clerk and Treasurer.

9—Call for report of standing committees.

(a) Committee on Missions.

(b) Committee on Education.

(c) Committee on Temperance.

(d) Committee on Religious Literature.

(e) Committee on Indigent Ministers.

(f) Report of Executive Committee.

(g) Committee on Sabbath Schools.

10—Appoint a place for meeting.

11—Appoint a brother to preach introductory sermon.

12—Announce standing committees to report at next meeting.

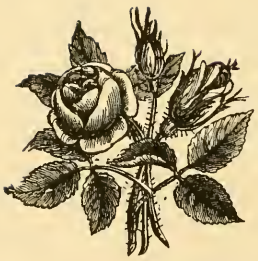
13—Appoint messengers to other bodies.

14—Miscellaneous business.

15—Adjournment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dr. J. P. Hampton, : : : R. E. Pettus,
J. W. Hilliard, : : : R. P. Whitman,
J. A. Fanning.



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